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SUBJECT: EXTENSION U.S.-GOI RESEARCH ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 265555

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1. ON DEC 17, REPS OF STATE DEPT, AEC AND GOI EMBASSY (EFRATI) INITIALED AMENDMENT, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC NOTES. ON SAME DATE, AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY AEC TO PRESIDENT FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN, WHICH WE ARE AWAITING.

2. IT IS HOPED THAT THE AMENDMENT, INCLUDING NOTES, CAN BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN MID-JAN FOR REQUIRED 60-DAY PERIOD (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL). DURING FIRST 30 DAYS OF PERIOD, IT IS LIKELY THAT JOINT COMMITTEE ATOMIC ENERGY WILL HOLD HEARINGS ON AMENDMENT.

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IN PREPARATION THEREFOR, EMBASSY REQUESTED OBTAIN PROMPTLY FROM

GOI INFORMATION, WHICH WILL BE USED AT OPEN HEARING, ON STATUS OF U.S. MATERIAL SUPPLIED UNDER 1955 AGREEMENT (E.G., BY TYPE, QUANTITY, LOCATION AND USE). MATERIAL SUPPLIED AND PRESENTLY IN ISRAEL PER U.S. RECORDS IS: HEAVY WATER, NORMAL AND DEPLETED URANIUM, THORIUM, PLUTONIUM (INCLUDING PU-238), AND URANIUM ENRICHED IN U-233 AND U-235. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN U-235 IN NAAT SOREQ REACTOR FUEL CYCLE, E.G., ANY PROCESSING OF BULK NUCLEAR MATERIAL, "COLD" STORAGE, IN CORE, IRRADIATED "HOT" STORAGE, AND PLANS FOR REPROCESSING, IDENTIFYING ESTIMATED BURNUP AND/OR LOSSES. (AS EMBASSY CAN APPRECIATE, USG CANNOT APPROACH IAEA FOR THIS PURPOSE IN VIEW PRIVILEGED NATURE OF AGENCY INSPECTION REPORTS.)

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3. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, EGYPTIAN EMBASSY CULTURAL COUNSELLOR, AHMED AZZAM, WAS INFORMED ON DECEMBER 12 OF PLANS TO EXTEND U.S.-ISRAEL RESEARCH AGREEMENT DURING DISCUSSIONS AT DEPT TO REVIEW PROGRESS UNDER U.S.-GOE JOINT COMMISSION IN TECHNOLOGY R&D. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. BROWN

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